



The Governor's
Environmental Excellence Awards

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Each year awards are given for activities that contribute to the stewardship of Kentucky's natural resources. Examples of awards range from environmental education programs to innovative pollution prevention technology . . . from recycling programs to use of best management practices . . . and from toxics reduction programs and litter cleanups to environmentally sound site plans. Kentuckians throughout the Commonwealth are working to better use, manage, protect and preserve our natural resources. The Governor's *Environmental Excellence Awards* program seeks to recognize Kentucky individuals and organizations for these and other notable achievements.

2002 Nomination Form

Please type or print neatly.

Nominee Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Select one of the following categories for this nomination:

☐ Environmental Education

☐ Soil Conservation

☐ Forestry

☐ Energy Conservation

☐ Mining Reclamation -- Eastern Kentucky

☐ Mining Reclamation -- Western Kentucky

☐ Leadership in Pollution Prevention

☐ Industrial Environmental Leadership

☐ Community Environmental Leadership

☐ Heritage Land Conservation

Activity Summary

From the above list, please check the one category that best describes the nominee and, on a separate sheet(s) of paper, describe the nominee's stewardship activity and results in 500 words or less. For more information, see "How to Make Nominations" and "Conference Awards Criteria" on the opposite side of this form. Please mail the nomination form and summary to The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, 663 Teton Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601. **Nomination materials must be received by September 18, 2002.**

Eligibility Requirements

Nominees must be individuals, groups, organizations or companies that reside in Kentucky and/or have worked on a project undertaken in Kentucky. A nominee who has won the award in the last five years is ineligible. The judging committees will recommend nominees principally based on the merits of their stewardship activity, taking into account what means they had to pursue this activity. Depending on the number, ranges, and quality of applications, several or no awards may be presented in any of the applicant categories. Receipt of all nominations will be acknowledged and winners will be notified.

Judging

Committees consisting of representatives from the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet will review all nominations.

Other Awards Programs

The Governor's *Environmental Excellence Awards* are not designed to compete with or supersede other private and public environmental achievement awards.

<http://www.kyenvironment.org/nrepc/governor/govaward.htm>



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How to Make Nominations

Individuals, businesses and organizations are welcome to nominate themselves or others. Nomination forms must be filled out completely. Please print neatly or type.

Each form must be accompanied by an activity summary describing the nominee's environmental stewardship activity and its results. The nominator should address the following points, where applicable, in the body of the summary:

- ◆ What was the activity? Describe it.
- ◆ What were the goals and objectives of the activity?
- ◆ What were the results of the activity (quantifiable, if possible)?
- ◆ What was the time frame of the activity: one-time event, periodic, on-going?
- ◆ What was the level of participation in the activity – who, how many?
- ◆ Did the activity have environmental education benefits? If so, to whom?
- ◆ Was the activity innovative?
- ◆ Can the activity be duplicated by others?

The activity summary must be 500 words or less on standard 8 ½" x 11" paper with the name of the nominee in the top right corner of each page. The nominator is encouraged to enclose up to five items of supporting material. These may be program literature, news clippings, data, slides, letters of support, photos, etc.

The nomination form, the activity summary and supporting materials must be sent in one mailing. These materials will not be returned. Faxed materials will not be accepted. If you are nominating an entity for more than one award, each entry must be submitted separately.

The winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony to be announced at a later date.

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Conference Awards Categories and Criteria

Environmental Education -- This award is given for providing education on an environmental topic in an innovative manner that increases the level of environmental understanding in the community, promotes awareness and environmental stewardship through active involvement of citizens, fosters cooperation and partnerships with diverse groups, and creates environmental benefits for the community. The education projects or program should have a hands-on application to involve participants in an actual task that will increase their understanding of problems in the environment or that will work toward correcting those problems.

Soil Conservation -- This award is given for an initiative that promotes the use of sound, innovative and cost-effective best management practices that protect and/or improve our land, air and water resources.

Forestry -- This award is given for efforts in the promotion, education or implementation of sustainable forestry practices. A nominee shall have demonstrated environmental awareness and an interest in providing for sustainable forest resources in the Commonwealth. Efforts shall include but not be limited to promotion, education, or implementation of forest stewardship principles, use of best management practices, maintaining biodiversity, improving wildlife habitat, watershed management, recreation, and aesthetics in addition to management for forest products.

Energy Conservation -- This award is given for a program or action taken to improve energy efficiency, increase energy awareness, promote the use of alternative fuels, and encourage the development of renewable energy sources or technologies using existing resources more effectively. The program or project must be unique and/or demonstrate outstanding attributes for one or more of the following: energy savings, environmental impact, economic and/or energy education and awareness benefits.

Mining Reclamation (Eastern and Western Kentucky) -- Entries in this category are judged on the difficulty of establishing the post-mining land use due to pre-mining conditions, through the use of innovative reclamation techniques, the degree to which the reclamation exceeds the requirements of law and regulations, and the presence of any long-term benefits to the surrounding community. Two of these awards are given, one each for the eastern and western regions.

Leadership in Pollution Prevention -- This award is given for

practices that reduce the amount of hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment (including fugitive emissions) prior to recycling, treatment or disposal. Items considered in judging are environmental benefit, including waste reduced by the amount and percentage; other demonstration of health risk benefit; transferability; innovation; management commitment including acting beyond state and federal requirements; involving employees in reduction activities; and economic benefit.

Industrial Environmental Leadership -- This award is given for demonstrating pollution control that is more effective than what is normally required. The effective pollution control system should reflect a strong commitment for advancing environmental benefit by reducing the amount of pollution, recycling what cannot be reduced, or by providing better treatment, spill prevention or disposal techniques.

Community Environmental Leadership -- This award is given for leadership that involves members of a community for the enhancement of the community's environment in a demonstrable or measurable fashion; correction or attempts to correct a problem that threatens some aspect of the community's environment; or actions in these areas to involve the citizens of that community that have benefited the community's environment.

Heritage Land Conservation -- This award is given for the protection and preservation of Kentucky's natural landscape and its native flora and fauna. The nominee must have exhibited an understanding of the importance of Kentucky's natural heritage and demonstrated a commitment to protection and preservation of our heritage through sustained efforts. These efforts may include, but not be limited to, activities and programs to protect and preserve Kentucky's biodiversity, exemplary management for biodiversity, or extensive, long-term monitoring of aquatic and/or terrestrial ecosystems.



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